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SUBJ: PRESS COMMENT ON FIVE IRISH- AMERICANS: " FORTH WORTH  
FIVE" DETAINEES

1. LOCAL MEDIA MOUNTING HEAVY CAMPAIGN IN FAVOR OF FIVE  
INCARCERATED IRISH- AMERICANS KNOWN AS " FORTH WORTH FIVE."  
CONSENSUS OF IRISH PRESS OPINION IS THAT " AMERICAN JUSTICE

HAS BEEN STRETCHED A BIT A) TO HOLD TRIAL IN FORT WORTH,  
TEXAS SINCE ALL FIVE REPORTEDLY HAVE SWORN NEVER TO  
HAVE BEEN IN TEXAS? NOR TALKED BY PHONE OR OTHERWISE  
WITH ANYBODY FROM TEXAS, AND B) TO HAVE HELD THEM FOR  
ALMOST A YEAR ON CONTEMPT CHARGES WITH THE ALLEGED  
POSSIBILITY OF THE JUSTICE DEPT EMPANELING ANOTHER  
GRAND JURY TO TAKE OVER WHEN NOV 1973 DEADLINE ARRIVES  
FOR PRESENT JURY." CLEVER MENTION IS MADE OF ROLE  
PLAYED IN THIS CASE FOR FORMER ATTORNEYS GENERAL JOHN  
MITCHELL AND RICHARD KLEINDIST, AND FORMER WHITE HOUSE  
STAFFER JOHN CAUFIELD AND THEIR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN  
WATERGATE AFFAIR. LOCAL NEWSMEN INFER THAT FIVE DETAINEES  
ARE ACTUALLY POLITICAL PAWNS IN US- UK DEAL CONCERNING  
NORTHERN IRELAND.

2. EVEN IRISH PARLIAMENT GOT INTO THE ACT YESTERDAY  
WHEN MEMBER OF OPPOSITION ASKED WHY GOI DID NOT MAKE  
REPRESENTATIONS IN WASHINGTON TO " INSURE THAT JUSTICE WAS  
GIVEN" TO DETAINEES. GOI FINANCE MINISTER, IN ABSENCE OF  
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FONMIN, DEFTLY REPLIED THAT " TO DATE ALL FIVE MEN HAD ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF AMERICAN LAW AVAILABLE TO THEM," ADDING THAT IRISH CONSULAR ADVICE WOULD ONLY BE AVAILABLE IF ABOVE RIGHTS WERE DENIED. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS HE ALSO ADDED: " IT IS WRONG ( TO USE IRISH PARLIAMENT QUESTION TIME) TO MAKE UNWARRANTED CHARGES AGAINST A FRIENDLY STATE. THIS WOULD NOT HELP THE PEOPLE IN QUESTION OR RELATIONS BETWEEN IRELAND AND THE US."

3. PRESS PLAYING HEAVILY ON HUMAN INTEREST THEME. ONE FIVE- COLUMN SPREAD DEVOTED TO BEDSIDE INTERVIEW IN GALWAY HOSPITAL OF 79- YEAR- OLD AILING FATHER OF ONE OF DETAINEES. EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IS GIVEN TO ALL REMARKS ON CASE UTTERED BY SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY. LOCAL LETTERWRITERS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN FIRING OFF EPISTLES TO THE EDITOR AND ALSO TO THE EMBASSY " CLAMORING FOR JUSTICE." FORTH WORTH FIVE ISSUE IS APPARENTLY DESTINED TO FILL THEIR VOID CREATED WHEN VIETNAM CONFLICT ENDED.

4. FOR HOLZAPFEL USIA/ IWE: WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY BACKGROUND INFO AVAILABLE EXPLAINING LEGAL PROCESS INVOLVED IN THIS CASE SHOWING THAT DETAINEES TREATMENT NEITHER UNCOMMON NOR " MANIPULATED" AS LOCAL MEDIA INFERS. MOORE

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